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## After 7 Months In Jail

# Grusse and Turgeon Win Their Freedom

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — After seven months in Niantic Women's Prison, Ellen Grusse and Terri Turgeon are

free today. The two women, who have become symbols of resistance to Grand Jury harassment, walked out of prison

at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 19. They had been jailed since early June for refusing to cooperate with a Grand Jury investigating the whereabouts of political fugitives Susan Saxe and Kathy Power.

The two women gained their freedom after Judge John O. Newman announced that he was dropping subpoenas for them to appear before the Grand Jury. Newman indicated that he would no longer seek testimony from the two women.

In a telephone interview with GCN, Terri Turgeon called their release, "a victory for the people who supported us. There's no way to thank them for the support and the constant reminders on our behalf." She indicated that her main priority now is to "try to get something done for Jill." Jill Raymond remains in jail in Lexington, Kentucky, for refusing to cooperate with Grand Jury investigations as well.

Terri indicated that she's become "much more political, much more radical since I've been in jail. Jail was

an experience that I just don't know how to describe. It will take me months to try to explain it. But it's made me realize the many things that have got to be done around prisons."

On a more personal level, Terri indicated that she's looking forward to spending the holidays with family and friends. "I'm going to try to relate to the many people that we've gotten close to in the last six months in a normal way," she said.

Friends of Ellen's and Terri's in New Haven attributed the two women's release to public pressure. "The government was hard-put to justify its position," Roberta Ann told GCN. "The Prosecutor considers himself a liberal and he probably thought of their release as a kind of Christmas present," she said. "But it never could have happened except for the demonstrations and protests which we had." "We'll try to organize some sort of community thing for Ellen and Terri," she said. "And then we'll work on getting Jill Raymond free too."



Terri Turgeon



Ellen Grusse

## Judge Limits Coverage of Saxe Case

BOSTON — The Judge in the Susan Saxe case has directed newspeople to refrain from coverage of the trial that would, in his words, "be inflammatory or would be apt to create prejudice in the minds of the reader." Before pretrial motions last Monday, Superior Court Chief Justice Walter McLoughlin called reporters into the Court lobby and briefed them on media restrictions.

McLoughlin asked the press to abstain from references to Saxe's history, "the difficulty with being a fugitive from justice," and phrases such as "self-styled revolutionary." When one reporter asked if the briefing was to be interpreted as a "gag order", McLoughlin said, "No, I call it a pleasant conference with the press and a mutual exchange of ideas."

During the encounter, McLoughlin repeatedly stressed his concern about the defense motion for dismissal on grounds of pretrial publicity. "I have before me motions to dismiss the indictment because of prejudicial pretrial publicity — which I have to deal with, and I certainly do not want to compound what counsel might very well argue to me is prejudicial publicity," he said.

According to the *Boston Globe*, newspaper executives were unsure how to interpret the guidelines which Judge McLoughlin laid down. "We still don't know whether it's an order," said *Globe* editor Tom Winship. "In any event, it is very disturbing to us. If it is an order, we may ask for an immediate hearing. We are going to get in touch with the judge to find what he really means by this. It's a very disturbing development."

Bill Lewis, *Herald-American* city editor, said that as regards the Saxe case, "We could live with this." However, he noted, "if the judge is going to set a precedent to bind us in future cases, then that may infringe on First Amendment rights."

At the intense pretrial hearing itself,

Susan Saxe appeared increasingly disturbed as many of the Judge's rulings seemed to go against the Defense attorneys, Gertner and Shapiro. The Judge did rule that the Defense had the right to examine the names of prosecution witnesses to see if they had criminal records. However, he ruled that the Defense would not be furnished the names until one week prior to the trial. At the request of Assistant District Attorney Gaffney, Judge McLoughlin ruled that the Prosecution also had the right to the names of defense witnesses one week before the defense portion of the trial begins.

On the crucial issues of promises and inducements to witnesses, the Judge rejected a Defense motion that the State Government furnish them with information about any promises and inducements which the Federal Government might have made to potential prosecution witnesses. One expected prosecution witness, for example, has nine indictments against him for which he has never been prosecuted. The Judge stated the Defense should deal directly with the Federal Government on the subject. Asst. D.A. Gaffney stated that he knew of no federal promises, and the Judge, for his part, noted that, even if such promises have been made, the State is not necessarily bound by them.

The Defense motion on disclosure of illegal federal electronic surveillance suffered the same fate. In effect, McLoughlin told the Defense on this subject, as on the inducement issue, that it would have to do its own investigation as to what the Federal Government did or did not do.

The Judge also ruled that police reports on Saxe demanded by the Defense were "not public property" and therefore should not be turned over. However, McLoughlin did grant the Defense all physical evidence "relevant and material" to the bank robbery itself. He also ruled that all evidence from the trial of William

Gilday, who was convicted in the bank robbery for which Saxe is charged, should be turned over to the defense. The Defense also has the right, according to McLoughlin, to see any exculpatory evidence which may come into the hands of the prosecution. Exculpatory evidence is evidence that might prove the defendant's innocence.

One light spot in the tense two hour hearing came when the Defense asked Assistant D.A. Gaffney to inform them if he found the missing prosecution witness Valeri. After the Judge ruled that Gaffney should do this, Gaffney stood up and asked the Defense to do the same if they should locate the missing man. Attorneys Gertner and Shapiro agreed.

At the press meeting before the hearing, Defense Attorneys Shapiro

and Gertner stated that they found the extremely heavy security precautions at the courthouse "not necessary and prejudicial" to the defendant. In reply, McLoughlin said that the matter was totally the Sheriff's decision and that he (McLoughlin) had nothing to do with it.

Judge McLoughlin announced that the trial itself would take place in the same courtroom where the pretrial hearings are being held.

At the conclusion of the hearing, McLoughlin set dates for further motions to be heard. On January 27, the Defense will argue to dismiss the indictment due to the composition of the Grand Jury and will also present requests for suppression of evidence at that time. On February 2, the motion relating to pretrial publicity will be held.

## Lesbian Loses Custody Fight

DALLAS — A jury of 10 men and two women has ruled that a lesbian must give up custody of her 9 year old son to the boy's father. The boy's father, Douglas Risher, sought custody of his son, Richard, who has lived with his mother since the couple were divorced in 1971. Risher said that his wife's lesbianism was not "conducive" to the proper upbringing of their son.

The mother, Mary Jo Risher, 38, testified during the course of the trial that she was living with another woman and that she loved her "more than anything in the world, but that doesn't mean I don't love Richard and Jimmy too." Jimmy, another son who is 17 years old, moved to his father's house, saying that he was embarrassed because of his mother's lesbianism.

When the jury announced their

decision after five hours of deliberation, Risher burst into tears and was escorted from the courtroom.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Oswin Chrisman, told the jurors that in order to switch custody there must be proven a substantial change in the home conditions. Two jurors dissented from the verdict, including jury foreman Tony Liscio, former Dallas Cowboys football player.

Even before the verdict, the Dallas chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) passed a resolution supporting Mrs. Risher. The national organization of NOW is planning to make the Risher case a "test case" on the issue of lesbian custody. NOW is presently raising a defense fund and plans to appeal the Dallas jury's decision.





# news notes

## SOCIALIST CAUCUS

NEW YORK — In an attempt to revitalize the Gay Left, the Socialist Caucus, which grew out of this year's GAU convention, is planning a one-evening mini-conference. This conference will be held at New York's St. John's Episcopal Church in the Village on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on Waverly Place at West 11th Street.

The conference plans to begin with a general discussion of the dilemma facing the Gay Left — where and how to direct its political energy. Then, after breaking up into small groups organized around specific questions, there will be another general discussion to share insights and set in motion future actions.

Volunteers have already been found to lead discussions on Left input in the GAU (Ed Strug), Marxist Study Groups (Jay Siegel), educational forums (Jonathan Katz), and the relevance of the socialism to gays (Daniel Gladstone). Anyone interested in conducting a discussion group should contact John D'Emilio.

Jonathan Katz, one of the people involved in the group, told GCN that "At this point we just don't have strong, verbal Left perspective in the gay movement. The Establishment is the only voice that's coming through." The purpose of the conference, he indicated, is to provide and develop a Left alternative.

## HCHS READS

BOSTON — The Library of the Homophile Community Health Service has resumed an active schedule of service to the community, and is currently building a healthy collection of gay studies material. There are at present over 200 titles in the areas of gay movement literature, psychology, lesbian and feminist literature, poetry, biography, and lesbian and gay male fiction.

The collection is a circulating one, and borrowing privileges are available to anyone for a \$2.00 annual membership fee. Members can then borrow items for up to three weeks at a time.

A library staff person is available between 6-9 pm Mondays-Wednesdays, and from 4-6 pm Thursdays, to answer specific questions concerning the library's holdings, and can be reached by phone during those hours at the H.C.H.S. office (542-5188). A self-service borrowing and book charge-out procedure has been set up, however, so that the collection can be used any time that the Health Service is open (1-9 pm on weekdays). The Library is located at the H.C.H.S. office, 80 Boylston St., Boston, Room 855.

## INFO NEEDED

NEW YORK — The Citizens Inquiry on Parole and Criminal Justice is attempting to get in touch with gay inmates and parolees to talk about their prison and parole experiences. The group is especially interested in people's experiences of parole board hearings, temporary release and furlough hearings, dealings with parole officers and the like. All responses will be absolutely confidential.

All replies should be directed to David Cole, Citizens Inquiry on Parole and Criminal Justice, 84 Fifth Avenue, Room 307, New York, NY 20011.

## ENGLISH MEET

LONDON — The Campaign for Homosexual Equality's 1976 conference will be held at Southampton from May 28 to May 31. The 1975 conference, which was primarily made up of gays from England and Wales, attracted 1200 people.

Anyone interested in the conference should get in touch with Griffith Vaughan Williams, Top Floor Flat, 849 Fulham Road, London SW 6.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

NEW YORK — The gay Social Services Alliance — open to all social services staff, and students, at both the paraprofessional and professional levels — is now forming in New York. Case aides, caseworkers, social workers, and allied personnel and students are welcome.

The first meeting of the organization will be held on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 pm. Interested people should call Ron Ginsberg at 989-0088 evenings or write: 345 West 21st St., 1A, New York 10011.

## DIGNITY CELEBRATES

BOSTON — Dignity/Boston, the founding chapter of the national organization of gay Roman Catholics, celebrated the beginning of its fourth year with a festive mass and buffet on Sunday, December 14. Over two hundred and fifty friends and members of Dignity were in attendance.

Results of the chapter elections for next year were announced at the buffet. The new 1976 Dignity President will be Margo R. Other officers include Rene, Vice President; Ed L., Treasurer; and Mark S., Secretary. The organization's plans for the next year



include the continuing monthly lecture series, home liturgies, new publication and information packets, a ski trip, and a Mardi Gras Ball.

In three years Dignity/Boston has grown from a forum at St. Clement's Church to a large national organization of over fifty domestic and affiliated foreign chapters. The Boston Office of Dignity is the headquarters for the national organization and many local members staff the National Office as well as take care of local chapter affairs.

## TEACHER FIGHTS FIRING

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan —

The largest gay protest meeting ever held in Canada occurred Oct. 2 at the University of Saskatchewan's Saskatoon campus. The demonstration pressed for the rights of Doug Wilson, a 24 year old graduate student who was dismissed from his position as supervisor for practice teachers in the Saskatoon public schools because of his involvement with the gay movement. Wilson had been listed as the contact person for the newly forming Gay Academic Union in an advertisement which appeared in the student paper.

Wilson's defense committee demanded his immediate reinstatement and also called on the University's administration to issue a policy statement declaring that no individual connected with the campus be discriminated against on grounds of his or her sexual orientation.

The University President has suggested that publicity given to the case would harm Wilson's career while his dismissal would not do so. However, Wilson and his supporters disagree. Several groups have been able to band together to give Wilson nationwide publicity for his case.

Anyone interested in lending financial assistance should send donations to the Committee to Defend Doug Wilson, P.O. Box 3043, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

## RIGHTS OF GAYS

FRAMINGHAM — Elaine Noble and Arlie Scott will be among the speakers as the Framingham Human Relations Commission sponsors a seminar on the "Rights of Gay People: Privacy and Equal Opportunity." The seminar will take place on January 13 at the Human Relations Commission offices at the Memorial Building in Framingham.

Anyone interested in the seminar should get in touch with John K. Gaffney, the Executive Assistant of the Commission, at 1-872-7998.

## 'ASEXUAL' J. EDGAR

NEW YORK — *Time Magazine* has concluded that the late J. Edgar Hoover, former FBI director, was probably not a homosexual. While the magazine did note that rumors had described the FBI director as gay, *Time* concluded that "The FBI consumed his passions totally, and he seems to have been basically asexual."

However, the magazine did note that Hoover was obsessed with "illicit sexual activity" and was "incensed" by FBI reports of relationships between Dr. Martin Luther King and white women. According to *Time*, Hoover once used information about a congressman's homosexuality to blackmail him into supporting FBI activities.



Vitruvian Scroll. — From Palazzo Pesaro, Venice.



## HET PREVERTS

BOSTON, Mass. — An unusual case has come to light that indicates that gay people are not the only people victimized by the Massachusetts sodomy laws. On November 22 at 2:15 in the morning a man and a woman were arrested, charged with "sodomy and gross lewdness" in the public domain. The couple were engaged in sex in the back of an automobile and reportedly used "abusive language" when a policeman accosted them.

At a preliminary hearing last week the presiding justice in the case, Judge Doerfer, found "probable cause" for the sodomy charge despite the fact that two consenting adults were involved. The case has been moved on to the Superior Court for decision. A reporter who covers the "police beat" told GCN that this was the first time in his 3½ years on the job that he remembers a prosecution of a man and a woman on charges of sodomy.

## FAGGOT MARRIAGE?

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. — "You have failed to establish that a bona fide marital relationship can exist between two faggots." So wrote Immigration authorities of the United States to two gay men who were issued a marriage license last April in Colorado. As of the two men — Anthony C. Sullivan, 33 — is an Australian citizen and apparently the immigration office's ruling is an attempt to block Sullivan's efforts to gain resident alien status.

But the use of the word "faggot" by a US government agency caused more excitement than the ruling itself. "I never expected to be called faggot on a US government document," said Sullivan at a news conference held at MCC/Los Angeles. "To gay people," Sullivan continued, ignoring the positive connotations which the word has taken on recently, "faggot is our 'nigger word' and the world knows it."

The US government, under pressure, has withdrawn the word "faggot" from the denial order but the denial still stands. Joseph Dernetz, deputy district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Los Angeles issued a substitute order saying, "This is a marriage between two male persons and is not a marriage which can afford a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act."

The two men were married in Boulder, Colorado on April 21 during a brief period before the Colorado Attorney General found gay marriage "legally questionable."





Mark Segal during his hunger strike at Philadelphia's City Hall on behalf of the gay rights bill (see last week's GCN). Photo by Harry Eberlin.

# Gains At Public Health Conf.

CHICAGO — The serious and wide-ranging problems encountered by gay persons in receiving and providing health care were brought to center stage by a group of gay public health workers at the recent Chicago convention of the American Public Health Association.

The group formally organized a gay caucus in the Association, presented a well-received exhibit in the exhibit hall, and won overwhelming approval by the Association's Governing Council of a comprehensive resolution on "Homosexuality and Public Health."

The resolution approved by the Association calls for endorsement of the Federal Gay Rights Bill, H.R. 5452, for repeal of sodomy laws, for adoption by health agencies of equal employment opportunity policies for sexual minorities, for provision of education of health workers about sexism, including homophobia, and for conduct of studies by HEW of practices in the health field which oppress gay persons.

During the several hearings on resolutions and the final Governing Council debate, the resolution was actively supported by two past presidents of the Association and many

other public health leaders. The resolution received prior endorsements from the Association's Women's Caucus, Committee on Equal Health Opportunity, Medical Care, Health Education and other professional Sections and the New York City Health Association. Open opposition was expressed only by representatives of several public health associations of southern and midwestern states.

The exhibit of the gay caucus featured a large color photograph of Howard J. Brown, M.D., a former top public health official of New York City and a founder of the National Gay Task Force who died last January. Other items illustrated the reality of being a gay health worker or a gay patient. Many convention visitors stopped to ask questions and pick up literature. Hostile attitudes were rare. Two thousand copies of the gay caucus' special brochure were given out and hundreds of copies of other literature were sold or distributed free.

The goals of Gay Public Health Workers are to improve the health care received by sexual minorities, protect the civil and human rights of gay health workers, and help eradicate homophobia and sexism from U.S. society. Its first major task will be organizing and obtaining approval for several scientific sessions at the Association's next convention about health problems of and health services for lesbians and gay men. Other tasks include the establishment of national clearinghouses on venereal disease and on alcoholism and drug abuse and assistance to the Association's officers with implementation of the resolution.

Over one hundred persons participated in the business sessions and other activities of the gay caucus during the November 16-20 convention. The caucus, named "Gay Public Health Workers", elected as its officers for its first year: general coordinator, Walter J. Lear of Philadelphia, Pa.; scientific program coordinator, Sarajane Garten of Long Branch, N.J.; annual meeting coordinator, James Mulcahy of Chicago, Ill.; communications coordinator, Donn E. Holley of Buffalo, N.Y.; financial coordinator, Frances Hancel of Philadelphia, Pa.; general coordinator-elect, William M. Somers of Arlington, Va.

Dr. Lear, general coordinator of Gay Public Health Workers, is a specialist in public health and Commissioner of Health Services for the Metropolitan Philadelphia Region of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He has been active for several decades in the peace and civil rights movements and has been a leader in liberal and radical health affairs, particularly the Medical Committee for Human Rights.

The other GPHW officers are involved in the health field as follows: Ms. Garten is a doctoral student in health education at a university in New York City; Mr. Mulcahy just graduated from the University of Illinois School of Public Health; Mr. Holley is a volunteer health worker at the Buffalo Gay Community Services Center; Ms. Hancel is a cardiac technician at a university hospital in Philadelphia; and Mr. Somers is an alcoholism rehabilitation counselor in a hospital in suburban Washington.

All health workers and others concerned with health affairs are welcome to join the gay caucus of the American Public Health Association or only to receive its newsletter. For more information write: Walter J. Lear, 206 N. 35th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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## The Knight Murders and Gay Philadelphia

By Tommi Avicoli

PHILADELPHIA — The gay community received an unpleasant surprise as the murder of John S. Knight 3d, newspaper heir, took on what the papers here called "kinky aspects." Knight was murdered in his plush apartment by three men known to be hustlers. Knight was bisexual. The media exploited every angle possible concerning Knight's sexual activities with hustlers, young boys, and close friend John Sage. Sage flew in from Detroit early in the week to help police uncover details of the newspaper heir's secret life, hidden in a locked box near his bed. The box contained nude photos of young boys and diaries recounting sexual encounters and personal reflections.

According to the diaries, Knight had heterosexual as well as homosexual experiences though the latter seemed to be primarily through hustlers and arrangements with friends. Knight did not associate with the more popular gay circles in the city. He seldom visited the bars. The men who are accused of murdering him — Steven Maleno, Salvatore Soli and Isais Melendez — entered the apartment with-

out force; it is believed Knight let them in of his own free will.

Gay spokespeople from the community expressed anger at the media's sensationalistic cover of the murder. John Wiles of the Gay Media Project said that Knight's interests "were not the normal average interests of a gay male at all." Barbara Gittings of the American Library Task Force on Gay Liberation told the *Daily News* that the gay community is as diversified as the straight community.

Still the headlines got more sensational. Little mention was made of the fact that the three suspects were probably heterosexual men who prey on homosexuals. One of the suspects, in fact, is also wanted for the assault of a homosexual earlier this month.

A reporter interviewing Rusel Silkey, editor of the weekly *Gazette*, asked him if the Knight case were the main topic of discussion in the gay community. Silkey told him it was not.

## Grand Jury Reform Begins

CHICAGO — The attention focused on the abuses of the Grand Jury System growing out of the imprisonments of Jill Raymond and Ellen Grusse and Terri Turgeon has finally begun to have some results. In a law signed in October by Gov. Dan Walker, Illinois became the first state in the union to extend the right of counsel to persons who are targets of grand jury investigation.

Under the law signed by Walker, the prosecution must notify a grand jury witness that he is a target and may become a criminal defendant. Failure to do so, according to the new law, would result in the throwing out of any subsequent indictment.

In addition, attorneys can now advise people under questioning in grand jury investigations. However, they cannot question the witnesses in court. In most states, witnesses have the right to leave the grand jury

"1275 is," he said. The reporter asked, "What's that?" 1275 is, of course, Philly's gay rights bill, still bottled in committee. Just a few days before 1275 was front page news for the same paper when gay demonstrators disrupted council by chanting "Free 1275."

Irresponsible generalizations and careless reporting have characterized the media's coverage of the Knight murder. Area gays like Loretta DiLoggio of Gay Media Project, however, are already responding to the Knight coverage. "We feel that the only way we can effectively raise the consciousness of the media is by contacting personally each person who has contributed to the sensationalistic and biased coverage of the murder. We will make every possible effort to do this." But no matter what amount of followup occurs, the damage has been done. Loretta added, "No one knows the number of [gay] people who will be negatively affected by the murder."

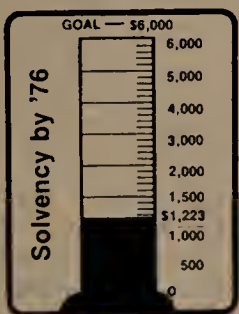
chamber to confer with their lawyers, but this is a difficult and time-consuming practice that also creates a negative impression on the jurors.

The National District Attorneys Association, according to information in the *Washington Post*, has denounced the law. That organization claimed that the Illinois reform "could inhibit the legitimate use of the grand jury as an investigative tool."

However, the Washington-based Coalition to End Grand Jury Abuse is obviously pleased with the decision.

Kathy Johnson, spokesperson for the organization, said, "It's a vital step towards assuring the right to people — potential defendants and witnesses alike — who appear before the grand jury." Anyone interested in grand jury abuses is urged to write, Coalition to End Grand Jury Abuse, Room 300, Atlantic Building, 930 F Street, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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## EDITORIAL

Standing their ground until the very end, Ellen Grusse and Terri Turgeon have finally gained their freedom. Loyal to their principles and beliefs, Ellen and Terri refused to cooperate with what they felt was grand jury harassment. They refused to talk and they won.

Ellen and Terri put their conscience before their personal freedom. They defied the government of the United States and they paid for it for seven long months in prison. We are proud of Ellen and Terri and congratulate them on their freedom. But we must realize that the public attention focused on the case was undoubtedly a factor in the Judge and District Attorney's decision to release the two women. The marches, the demonstrations, the constant pressure made it sure that Ellen and Terri were not forgotten.

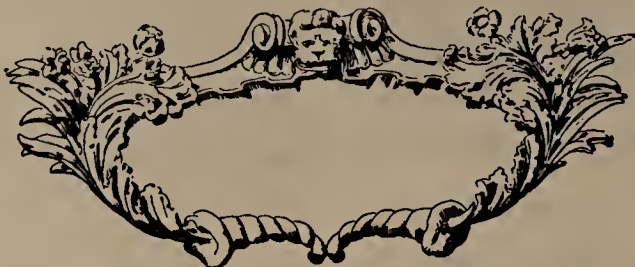
The dropping of subpoenas for Ellen and Terri is only the beginning. Jill Raymond remains in jail in Kentucky for the same "crime" as Ellen and Terri — refusal to talk. We must continue our fight to bring about Jill's

freedom as well.

There are other things that we can do too. Representative John Conyers, Jr. of Michigan has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives called the Grand Jury Reform Act (HR 2986). According to Conyers, the bill "would introduce rudimentary protections and rights into the grand jury process."

In speaking in favor of the bill, Conyers made specific mention of the Kentucky and New Haven cases as examples of the abuse of the Grand Jury system which his bill would correct. In addition, this week's GCN reports that Illinois Governor Dan Walker has signed into law a bill that would put curbs on grand jury harassment powers.

By working for this kind of legislation, by writing to our congresspeople on behalf of the Conyers bill, we can make sure that these kinds of situations will not come about in the future. Ellen and Terri stood fast and for that we should all be grateful. But until grand jury abuses are curbed what happened to them could happen to any one of us.



On December 31 the Massachusetts legislature will return from its Christmas recess and will, in all likelihood, be voting on the crucial issue of rent control.

In these times of economic stress, rent control is of vital concern to all apartment dwellers. If rent control is defeated, anyone who does not own their own home, and this includes a large majority of gay people, will suffer greatly. People who are at the bottom of the economic scale, and this also includes many gays, will be faced with rent increases as well as possible eviction.

To prevent the possible defeat or weakening of rent control, you are asked to call your local state representative and urge a vote for permanent

rent control. Rent control advocates stress the importance of informing your state representative that you are against "vacancy de-control." Vacancy de-control if passed, would remove any apartment from rent control once it has been vacated. In addition, you should further urge your representative to extend rent control to FHA housing.

There will be a demonstration in favor of rent control beginning at 7 p.m., this Tuesday, December 30, at the Arlington Street Church. There will also be a demonstration in front of the State House itself at noon on Wednesday, December 31. Writing, calling, demonstrating, all of these tactics can effect wavering representatives. We strongly urge our readers to help save rent control.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, GCN's Cancun benefit trip has been cancelled. We regret any inconvenience to our readers.

## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be 200 words or less. All letters submitted for publication must be signed; names will be withheld upon request. GCN retains the right to edit all letters.



## scholarship info needed

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am presently a graduating senior at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. I have been majoring in Women's Studies, more specifically, Women's History. Presently, I am in the process of applying to graduate schools for further study in Women's History.

I have recently discovered that nearly all of the scholarships available are for such fields as 'to further study the administration of Harry S. Truman' and 'to investigate the land surface of the Arctic Ocean.' This all leaves someone like myself, who through Women's History and education is exposing and reconstructing American society, quite out of the running.

Has anyone at GCN heard of possible avenues I could tap for scholarship possibilities? Any organizations, individuals or foundations that you have heard of that might fund progressive research would be deeply appreciated.

As the application date for next fall's scholarships is almost always the preceding March 15, I am working under something of a time limitation.

Beyond my academic record, which is of high caliber, I have been actively involved in both Gay Liberation struggles and women's issues . . . these ranging from facilitating workshops at the N.E. Gay Conference in Provincetown, UMass Gay Speakers Bureau, and co-chairing the Western Massachusetts Committee to Defend Joann Little.

I am eagerly awaiting to hear from you,  
In Continued Struggle and Solidarity,  
Susan E. Cayleff

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GCN:

Yes gay people have their own special oppression to fight. But I just can not help reminding all of them that their own fight is inevitably inter-related with the fight of all oppressions. Also it is very interrelated to the political climate.

It seems to me GCN would do all gay people a real service to continue to explain the meaning of the pink triangle. The more reactionary our country goes the greater danger to the fight for gay rights.

The closet gays may feel they have made it and are safe; that is a dangerous illusion. Again I say teach the lesson of the pink triangle. Many must remain in the closet, but all closet gays should support even financially all their brave open fighting gay sisters and brothers.

I do not forget that many Jews did support Hitler only to find out that they also landed in the death camps. So too if closet gays go fascist, they will not escape the pink triangle fate.

I as a straight parent never go out of my house without my pink triangle button. You may be interested to know that the small button gives me the chance to speak to strangers for gay liberation, because even total strangers in stores do ask me what it means. It does interest and surprise me how many gay people ask me what it stands for. This is why I presume to ask GCN to speak of it often.

With deep affection,  
Sarah Montgomery

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# gay hedda hopper garbage

Dear GCN:

I see that Skip Rosenthal has finally achieved his desire of being the gay Hedda Hopper. A column on gay media is one thing, but random notes on movies and Hollywood chitchat is "garbage." On the premise that GCN is a serious newspaper, I would hope that you re-examine any reasons that you have had to print such things. (And if what he wrote wasn't bad enough, did you have to have that picture of him — a bad cross between Earl Wilson and Abbie Hoffman.)

Malcolm Tent

P.S. I must add in all fairness that Skip Rosenthal is not the first to follow this path. Arthur Bell has sunk to new depths in his "Bell Tells" column in the *Voice* and now Vito Russo has a similar one in *The Advocate*.

# disillusionment and hope

Dear GCN,

I am writing to offer a bit of encouragement to Alan who wrote in last week's issue about gay relationships. I share both his disillusionment and hope, and expect that there are others who do also.

The nicest relationships I've had have been with those I knew and loved even before I knew where my head was sexually. And then I came out . . . some of us made love . . . and it's still the same. But many relationships that came later . . . the ones that began in bed . . . they

just don't seem to be as the others. There's something about being attracted to one's ability to communicate that then makes lovemaking more exciting.

The most gentle words a guy ever said to me came after several discussions we had had at a free clinic where I was working and where he was coming for care. We talked many times as he waited long periods in the waiting room. One night, after leaving, he ran back in and stopped me to say, "I'd like you to come over sometime to our place (he lived with a small group of friends) . . . we'd like to get to know you better." I was excited . . . someone wanted to know me, not just drag me into bed. When we did make love, it was different. It was not empty and I was not afraid to awaken in the morning.

Too many gays are so busy being gay that they have little time for developing caring relationships. There are lots of things that are important to me: my profession, my friends, even my new interest in photography. I guess that's why I try to isolate myself from casual encounters and save my energy for the relationships that can be productive.

Thanks, Alan, for a good "forum."

Rick Fendrick

# a cry for help

Dear Gay Community,

Perhaps it would be more appropriate if this letter were stained with blood and tears, for this is surely the state of life here in Angola, La. Angola is the site of the most violent prison in the United States. It holds the record for the bloodiest assaults and murders in the history of prisons and punishment against Mankind. The majority are yet unsolved.

Perhaps you are wondering why we are telling you this. Because you are affiliated with a gay organization or because you own or work for gays, or because you yourself are gay. This is why. And because we are gay, by we I mean all of the A.E.Q.

There is a need for publicity, there is a need for funds, for a battle cannot be fought and won without a war machine. We must halt the discrimination, harassment and physical assaults against gay inmates of this prison and all prisons.

I have traveled across the country, and I have not seen the land of honey, the land of promise; instead, I have seen a graveyard three thousand miles wide, where my people are being slowly eaten alive, mass-murdered, and intimidated.

I cannot stand this any more; I have this great pain inside at the sight of my people — perhaps you are one of them — being subjected to cruelties and agonies far greater than that intended to be thrust against man. I am fighting it, but I need your help. I need your letters, I need your nickles and dimes, and I need your phone calls. I need you to spread the word to your friends, your customers, your associates. Won't you do this for me, for others like me, for yourself?

Help fight this battle. Send letters today, to Miss Elayn Hunt, director, Department of Corrections, P.M. Box 44304 Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, La. 70804.

Tell her that you are aware of our efforts, and that you endorse us, and support us in our work. Send us a copy also.

If you wish to contribute to our cause, send a check or money order to Alliance for Equal Opportunity (A.E.O.) and you will receive a newsletter every month. And anyone who contributes \$2 will receive a membership card of the A.E.O.

We appreciate your interest and your assistance. We hope to hear from you soon.

In Gay Unity and Love,  
Anthony T. Smith  
Chairman A.E.O.  
P.O. Box 71437 Camp A  
Angola, La. 70712

# liberation and pride

Dear GCN,

Thank you for GCN's informative articles about the Gay Academic Union conference in New York over the Thanksgiving weekend. It was an important and well attended gathering that brought sisters and brothers together for discussion and analysis of issues that concern Gay people and particularly Gay academics.

One of the high points of the conference for me was the exceptional filmed record of Gay



liberation activities and events provided by the conference's videotape program. The presentation included a collection of episode excerpts from various network television programs involving stories about Lesbians or Gay men. Appropriately enough, this tape was entitled LAVENDER PEACOCK/HEN. These actual program tapes provided a very perceptive study of how the broadcast media portrays the Gay experience to the general public — and to us as well! Tapes of the effort at the Democratic Convention in 1975 to get a Gay Rights plank in the party's platform and of an excellent interview with Dr. Howard Brown recalled major Gay liberation endeavors of the past and reminded us of the challenges that lie ahead. A special women's program included a three part interview with a Lesbian couple, and a tape about Lesbian mothers prepared by Norma Pontes and Rita Moreira. Loretta Lotman and Delia Davis of Lesbians Organized for Video Experience provided a tape called SNAPSHOTS that included shots of Flo Kennedy and Bette Midler at the Gay Pride March in 1973 and Isabel Miller's reading of "A Woman Talks to a Fireman." Finally, there was an exciting tape of "Labelle" in which singer-composer Non Hendrix wears the "How Dare You Presume I'm Heterosexual" button during the performance.

All of us who enjoyed the liberation and pride of this video experience thank Gay video people Paul Burt, Alana Collos, and David Sasser for their fine contribution to the conference.

In Gay Pride,  
Tom Raleigh

# forum

## In Response to Jill Raymond's Article

By Jan Parlin

I am a loyal reader, an occasional contributor, and an infrequent respondent. Aside from an article safely within my "sphere" — gays and religion — I am generally content to mutter any contrary opinions to myself or to a companion, usually one as lethargic as I. However, this evening, while reading Jill Raymond's article on Susan Saxe, I was prompted to mutter, "bullshit" in a voice audible enough to startle the waitress in the genteel restaurant in which I was dining alone. To prove my sanity to that waitress I felt obliged to respond.

First, "bullshit" does not convey my respect for Ms. Raymond's opinion, nor my admiration for her willingness to suffer imprisonment for her personal and political convictions. Stubbornness is one of the most beautiful, rare qualities left in this disturbingly conciliatory world. The expletive is only meant to convey my disappointment in her specious and rhetorical reasoning.

It is a shame, in one respect, that I am unable to identify with the image of a "radical" that Raymond portrays. In disputing her theories, I run the horrible risk of being decried as a reactionary by those intellectual Saxe supporters whose philosophy does not extend beyond, If she's a dyke and you're a dyke . . . However, so be it.

Jill Johnston is a fine, albeit confusing writer. In "Lesbian Nation," one could read beyond her surface ambiguities to find an excellent political theorist. However, reality is not her strongest point and that is reflected in her response to the Saxe

situation. (It is really no longer just a case.) Her remarks were overly defensive and unwittingly egoistic (Oh, Earth Mother of us all, we can look after our own reputations. We're women now.) Ms. Raymond, on the other hand, is a



very sophisticated observer/participant, who nevertheless overlooked the individual ethics of the situation.

Susan Saxe's case is her own. It is not mine (thank heavens), nor does it belong to Lesbian-Feminist Amerika, to the left-over political waifs of the '60s; any more than I can personally take any credit for the political success of the Stonewall Rebellion. (I was still tentatively fumbling around with my best friend, terrified I wasn't "doing it right." How revolutionary.)

Raymond refers to "Five radicals against the State Street Bank of Brighton, Mass.," blithely assuming we all join her in conferring our blessings upon the radicals. It is true that gay people and feminists are radicals in present-day society. So are the PLO,

KKK, the SLA and numerous other organizations and individuals with whose philosophies I am not in agreement. But, those are "terrorist" groups, you say? What, then, is the difference, for example, between the SLA's insistence on sexual non-exclusivity and certain elements in the gay movement? Active violence. (Self-defense is quite another matter. In most situations, the difference is easily discerned. When unable to differentiate, a deep, non-political hostility is usually the cause, and unjustified aggression is generally the result.) Gay liberation and the women's movement could become diverted into terrorism, if active violence is allowed to intervene. The days of "holy wars" are over. Convert me to your ideology, if you are able, without killing or coercing me.

It is also true that the American system is pretty fucked-up. I really don't care if you show your displeasure by writing letters to the editor, voting for your lover for President on a write-in, peacefully demonstrating, or by reciting, "Bullshit" to deliberately startle waitresses or waiters. I do, however, object to violence. It will accomplish nothing. (I do not, though, believe it will do more harm than good. If the system sucks, and one commits an act of violence against it, it hardly matters what the sextons of the system think of you for having committed the act. I doubt if Saxe gives a damn about what "people" think. And all of Johnston and Ellen Goodman's fears, as expressed in the *Globe*, that the public now equates lesbianism with robbery and possibly murder, are

highly unlikely.)

My objections to violence are moral. I do not want my goals or philosophies supported by "blood money." The end does not, in my opinion, justify the means. Lesbian-Feminism would then be one with terrorism. Is the legalization of my love for another woman worth the arbitrary taking of a life? My love will remain without the law — once a life is taken, it is gone.

Somehow, if Saxe and her companions-cohorts-conspirators (whatever), and I do not care if she chooses to associate with men or women, of whatever sexual persuasion — that is *their* individual ethics), had said they hated the system and were out to rip off a bit of it for themselves, I would find it both more believable and a lot less oppressive. Yes, I see Saxe and her defenders as oppressing me, and anyone who shares my beliefs, by grandiosely including all lesbian-feminists in their often violent method of changing the system. Allow me self-determination. Speak for yourself, Susan Saxe.

*Editor's Note: In an attempt to get our readership more involved with the paper, GCN is offering this space for opinions, views or feelings on gay issues. Articles submitted to us for this space should be addressed to Forum, c/o GCN. The articles should be 500 words or less and whenever possible they should be typewritten and double spaced. Although, GCN reserves the right to edit all copy we will honestly strive to edit for length not for content. This is your column, say what you want!*





The two newlyweds. In the middle is Rev. Norman Hudon who married them. Photo by Jane Picard.

## Wedding Bells for 2 Men

BOSTON — Rodney Stinston, 23, and Robert Martin, 19, were married in WMEX Park in Boston on December 18. The couple, who have been together for nine months, are the second couple married by Rev. Norman Hudon, Jr., in the last month. The wedding was followed by a

reception held at a private home in Revere, Mass. Rodney, who also celebrated his 23rd birthday on the day of his wedding, is a professional kitchen helper. He and Robert, who is presently unemployed, plan to reside in Denver, Colorado.

# Women Win Case

BOSTON — An Arlington man has been sentenced to a year's probation after pleading guilty to a charge of assault and battery in a case involving two local women. Richard Jenkins, 57, who was also accused of leaving the scene of an accident, was convicted in Boston Municipal Court on December 19. The case was heard by the presiding justice, Judge Doerfer.

The conviction grew out of an incident last September that took place outside the Saints, a local women's bar. At that time, Jenkins and a companion tried to run over the two women, Diane Bellavance and Linda Nichols, with their car as the two women were crossing the street. When Nichols attempted to get into her own car, the men backed up their Cadillac and tried to pit her against the car. The men, both described as "very drunk," then got out of their car and called the two women "dirty lezzies." Jenkins then began to argue with Nichols and struck her. Both groups got back into their respective cars, and then Jenkins proceeded to ram his Cadillac into Nichols' Volkswagen.

After Bellavance and Nichols began to drive off, Jenkins and his companion followed in their car, tried to cut them off, and finally smashed into Nichols' vehicle, totalling her car. A 'straight' couple, who witnessed the incident, followed them and got their license number. The couple testified in court on behalf of Nichols and Bellavance.

As a result of the incident Nichols suffered whiplash and bruises. Diane Bellavance described Jenkin's

sentence as "lenient." She emphasized that the Judge had not been as tough on Jenkins as he might have been because of the defendant's age, heart condition, and five children. Bellavance also saw the case as representative of the harassment of lesbians that goes on constantly. "More people should stand up against this kind of harassment if we ever want it to end," she told GCN.

## Black-Gay Unity at Calif. Confab

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Gays and blacks united on issues of gay rights and gun control at the San Jose conference of the California Democratic Council (CDC) on November 14-16. The Council, which is the liberal wing of the state Democratic Party, met to consider proposals for a national Democratic Party platform. These proposals will be given their final form at the statewide convention of the CDC to be held in Los Angeles in February.

On the subject of gay rights, the CDC supported legislation banning the compiling and/or dissemination of information on the sexual orientation of an individual for dossiers and data banks. The CDC proposed the immediate destruction of all such existing data.

The group also proposed the establishment of an office on Gay Awareness in the State Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. It also passed a resolution urging the "prohibition of discrimination against gay people in areas of housing, employment, public accommodations, and public services."

The most controversial issue on which gays and blacks worked together was the plank banning handguns. Both the gay and black caucuses opposed the ban unless it applied to everyone — the police and the military as well — and not just to private individuals. The black caucus emphasized what they felt was the racist nature of the proposal. However, the pro-gun control forces won the day, despite gay and black objections, at a tumultuous session highlighted by shouting and threats of expulsion of members.

## Did You See?

### NewTimes

"She's not a light-my-cigarette feminist like Helen Reddy or a pretend girl gang leader like Suzy Quatro: 'I don't give a shit about women,' she says, 'or the role of women or The Year of the Woman. As far as I'm concerned, being any gender is a drag.'" — singer Patti Smith, interviewed by Cliff Jahr in the December 26 issue of *New Times*.

Ann Landers  
Writes —

"Dear N.N.: You write as if you knew for certain these women are lovers. Were you there? If it is indeed a lesbian relationship, it will not be terminated by pressure from relatives — not even the disdain of her children. I would hope, however, that the women be circumspect. If they are carrying on, no one need know. Lesbians are less visible than male homosexuals because it isn't considered unusual for girls to be very chummy." Ann Landers writing to "NO NAME" in her syndicated column as it appeared in *The Hartford Courant*, December 10.

### The Boston Globe

"As homicide detectives sifted its contents — snapshots of naked youths, sexual devices and a meticulous sensational diary — a side of Knight that shocked many of his closest associates came boiling out.

"For the worlds of John Shively Knight 3rd were not only the worlds of a millionaire sportsman, heir to one of America's largest newspaper chains, working newsman . . . they were the worlds of drug addicts and sex deviates and hoodlums.

"Those who thought they knew John Knight well insist they were shocked when news leaked from the homicide investigation revealed bi-sexual tendencies in his personality.

"My initial reaction was that I was horrified," said a Harvard classmate.

"From an intellectual and statistical point of view, I suppose it is not amazing that someone you know was involved in something like that," he said. It was amazing that the person was John Knight." — A description, printed in December 15, *Boston Globe*, of murdered newspaper heir John S. Knight 3rd, taken from an article in the *Philadelphia Bulletin*.

## VOICE

"Have you ever had a female lover? Yes. Then why have you never written a 'she' lyric? I've never written a song saying, 'Hello, World, I'm bisexual,'" . . . But beyond that, bisexual, heterosexual, homosexual — it's all love. It's all relationships. When you get down to the nitty gritty, it doesn't matter if it's with a man or woman, unless you're fucked up about it . . . Any song can apply to a man or woman. And to treat bisexuality in my songs, to lock myself in, inevitably turns into proselytizing." — pop singer Janis Ian, interviewed by Cliff Jahr in the *Village Voice* of December 15.

### New York Times

"Mr. Tripp never takes up the subject of propagating the species, of having children . . . Still, it's a powerful illusion — the importance of propagating children — is it not? It's an illusion that even seems to concern homosexuals, if I understand what Edward Albee's 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' is really about . . . One would think therefore that in so thoroughly examining the homosexual matrix, Mr. Tripp would have at least taken the trouble to mention it." — Christopher Lehman-Haupt's review of C.A. Tripp's *The Homosexual Matrix* in the *New York Times*, December 19.

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# Becoming a Woman

By Capra Hircus

In moving from a situation of living as male to a situation of living fully as female, there are three basic areas of transition: First there are physical changes which involve electrolysis and medically supervised hormone therapy. Secondly there are legal and administrative changes involving name and identity as they appear on various records and apply to many situations. Finally, most important, there is a social change from living as male to living as female in a lifestyle comfortable for the particular person, be it gay or straight, traditional or counter-cultural.

Although genital surgery will not be covered in this article, we should emphasize that usually such surgery occurs only after the transsexual has lived for some time in the new gender status. Also, different people go through different stages at different times. For example, some male-to-female transsexuals have lived for years as women without any medical treatment at all; others have continued living publicly as male right up to the time of genital surgery. Most usually, however, the social and medical changes progress together, and culminate in full time status as female which generally precedes surgery by some months or years.

## Medical Changes

Assuming that the transsexual has a normal male beard, the first and simplest-to-arrange step of change might well be electrolysis. In electrolysis, the beard hairs are individually removed by an electric current which kills the papilla or source of the hair so that it will not grow back. A certain percentage of hairs will return, and must be

constantly re-treated — this occurs over a cycle of about six weeks. The treatment typically costs between \$20 and \$35 an hour; to remove a beard (on face and neck) should cost perhaps \$2000. The level of discomfort varies from person to person and depends in part on which area of the face or neck is being treated; often a doctor can prescribe pain relievers for use during treatment. It should be noted that hormone treatments will *not* remove facial hair — electrolysis is the only effective means now available for relatively permanent results.

In order to live as a woman, the other medical therapy is hormone therapy, generally using the female hormones estrogen and progesterone. A combination of these two basic female hormones is essential to produce significant breast development, even though many male-to-female transsexuals have the impression that estrogen alone is the key. Oral hormone therapy costs about \$30 a month for medication, plus periodic medical visits; injections may produce faster results at first, but are much more expensive. Both gender identity services and some private physicians offer hormone therapy to transsexuals.

Over a period of months, the transsexual receiving hormone therapy will begin to notice development and increased sensitivity of the breasts, redistribution of body fat from shoulders to hips, and lowered sex drive. Of course, each male-to-female transsexual, like each woman, generally, will present a unique appearance.

Hormones will *not* change vocal range or quality; but through practice the transsexual can gradually develop a



natural female voice. The important thing to remember is that many women have low voices, so that there is no one standard of what a female appearance or voice should be.

## Social Transformation

As electrolysis removes the beard, and hormone therapy changes the body proportions, a transsexual may suddenly discover that she is being perceived as female, especially by strangers and new acquaintances. This is especially likely if she dresses in a unisex style which does not clearly imply maleness (today there are few styles which are exclusive to males). Gradually being perceived as female becomes the rule rather than the exception in a social situation — and then it is time to consider the logical changes described below.

While this is one pattern, some transsexuals may carefully alternate between clearly defined female and male personas for awhile (at home vs. on a job for example). In this case, the time of complete change may depend upon economic or career factors. Incidentally, an increasing number of male-to-female transsexuals are joining the battle for feminism by demanding to keep old positions in their new female statuses. A transsexual might resist firing on the ground that it is sex

discrimination under the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, for example.

Each transsexual must find her own lifestyle, as must any woman generally. During the transition period, this comfortable lifestyle may grow clearer; it may be Lesbian/bisexual or exclusively heterosexual, depending upon the preferences of the individual person.

## Legal Changes

From one to two years would be a typical time span for the changes discussed above. During this period, by common law right, the transsexual may use any name(s) which she may desire. However, a legal change of name in probate court may be helpful in establishing identity for claiming legacies, etc.; and it may serve as proof that the transsexual is not changing identity in order to avoid financial or other obligations. In Massachusetts, such change of name has been obtained preoperatively as well as postoperatively.

Academic and professional records often are a problem; the best approach in the past has been to negotiate through an attorney with the employer or institution, in order to get all records changed to the new name and sex.

Certain documents which can be obtained without a legal change of name are extremely useful. These would include a savings account identification card with name and photo in the new identity (easy to obtain at Home Savings Bank in Boston at 69 Tremont St.); and a new social security card in the new name and gender. The latter can be obtained simply by filling out a change of name form — it has been treated as a routine matter.

(Note: This is a very brief and sketchy outline of the problems of transsexualism and change of identity. For more information you may call the Gender Identity Service of Boston at UN4-8181. If you are particularly concerned with the problems of being transsexual and gay in your new gender, you may call 232-4181.)

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# BOUQUETS AND BRIC

GCN has chosen this year's winners within or outside the gay community. Of course, some are more familiar to you, than others. If you have any nominations,

## THE GCN BOUQUET FOR THE SWIFTEST CHANGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE YEAR

to Massachusetts Attorney General Frank Bellotti. In 1974, Bellotti, while campaigning, stated that he did not favor anti-gay discrimination legislation, and that repeal of the state's "unnatural acts" laws were "not the Attorney General's responsibility." In 1975, Bellotti ended up writing letters supporting both.

## THE CLARENCE DARROW BUTTON FOR LEGAL ACHIEVEMENT

to William L. Wimberly, director of the Greater Boston YMCA, who fired a gay man from the youth placement program based on unproven sex charges, and then excused it, saying, "In this program . . . you're guilty until proven innocent."

## THE J. EDGAR HOOVER RAGWEED COLLECTION

to John F. Doyle, former Deputy Supt. of the Boston Police Department in charge of Intelligence, recently promoted to Superintendent of the Bureau of Inspectional Services. Mr. Doyle's FIO system for maintaining files on gays not committing crimes is serving as a model for police departments around the country.

## AND A CHEST TO PIN IT ON

to Police Commissioner Robert J. diGrazia, who promoted Doyle.

photo by Ray



John F. Doyle

## THE THINK-AND-DO BOOK BOUQUET FOR BOILING WATER

to the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which on July 3 adopted a new policy stating that "persons will not be disqualified from federal employment solely on the basis of homosexual conduct."

## THE GCN SPECIAL "OOH, AAH, ICKY-POO, NASTY, TISK, TISK" AWARD

to the Brookline (Mass.) Rotary Club, which withdrew its invitation to two Otherfund (the gay United Fund) speakers hours before their scheduled meeting, because they were threatened with the resignations of several older members.



Susan Saxe, still smiling.

## THE DOG DAY AFTERNOON AWARD

to Susan Saxe herself, the accused robber of a Boston bank who eluded state and federal authorities for five years.

## A BIG NOSEGAY

to the *Boston Globe*, which made up for its lack of any pro-gay editorials in 1974 by running fully eight such editorials in 1975, dealing with gay rights legislation, gay heroes, and the Bay Village bars.

## GCN's "I WOULDN'T CARE IF MY DAUGHTER WERE A LESBIAN" AWARD

to First Lady Betty Ford, whose advocacy of openness in sexuality was so widely quoted in the press, and a

## "NOT WITH MY WIFE, YOU DON'T" PLAQUE

to hubby Jerry, who immediately responded by telling reporters that he doesn't always agree with his wife, and

## A "LOOK, MA, NO HANDS" BOUQUET

to son Jack Ford, who was too busy dancing the night away at New York's biggest gay disco, Le Jardin, to be bothered with such parental squabbles.

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to Phillips Drugstore, that 24-hour Beacon Hill apothecary which has consistently refused to sell GCN, denying that the store has any gay customers.

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to Angela Davis, internationally known human rights advocate, who said that gay rights "will have to take a back seat" to other liberation movements.

## THE HALDEMANN-EHRLICHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD

to Frank Cashman, of The Other Side and Jacques, who said in response to a GCN article, "If Richard Nixon proclaimed that he was gay, I still would not support Watergate." (Letters to the Editor, 1/25/75).

## THE LOEB SILVER BLUDGEON

to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), which decided to re-air "Born Innocent," the notoriously homophobic made-for-tv movie, despite vigorous protests from the national gay community.

## FIVE GCN's FIRST ANNUAL "OH, YOU MEAN THE WORLD REALLY IS ROUND?" AWARDS

to Gov. James Longley of Maine, Gov. Jerry Apodaca of New Mexico, Gov. Dan Evans of Washington, Gov. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, and especially Gov. Jerry Brown of California, all of whom signed bills repealing criminal sanctions against "unnatural acts" during 1975.

## THE GENERAL PATTON/SUSAN B. ANTHONY MEDAL

to Elaine Noble and Rita Mae Brown for leading "An Army of lovers" in 1975.

## THE COMBINED BIEBER MEMORIAL "AND YOU THINK WE'RE SICK" AWARD and THE AGNEW CUP FOR OFFAL ELOQUENCE

to Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth) for his remarks against a gay rights bill on the floor of the Massachusetts House: "In my opinion, these people are predatory . . . these dykes, queers, and fags are after our sons and daughters."

## THE GCN ANNUAL "HEY, WHA' HAPPENED?" PLAQUE

to Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, who was elected in 1974 on a pro-gay platform with many gay supporters. Dukakis responded in 1975 by spurning a request to endorse Otherfund, the gay united fund; by appointing anti-gay Edward F. Harrington to the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; and by refusing to appoint a single lesbian to the 27-member Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, despite considerable campaign rhetoric about "affirmative action."

## THE HOUDINI MEMORIAL "NOW YOU SEE HER, NOW YOU DON'T" AWARD

to WBZ-TV, Channel 4. While the Boston station's appointment of Ellen B. Davis as a gay news adviser was much ballyhooed in the local and national press, the appointment lost some significance when Davis appeared only once on television.

## THE FRANCO CUP FOR HUMAN DECENCY

to Gov. Ella Grasso of Connecticut, who intervened in the progress of a gay rights bill that was about to pass the connecticut legislature, because of fears about "homosexual school teachers."

## THE RASPUTIN PIN FOR PERSONAL PERSEVERENCE

to Jill Raymond, Ellen Grusse, and Terry Turgeon, for hanging in there and refusing to answer grand jury questions about the lesbian connexions of Susan Saxe, though they have spent most of 1975 in jail.

## THE GCN ANNUAL STRANGE BEDFELLOWS AWARD

for the second year, to the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association and the Boston gay community. When Commissioner DiGrazia's anti-soliciting bill came up for a vote in the House of Representatives this April, the BPPA lobbied hard against it, not because they approved of soliciting, but because they dislike DiGrazia. The combined forces of the BPPA, the Civil Liberties Union, and gay rights groups killed the bill.

Photo by Jane Picard



Angela Davis



# KBATS AWARDS

to acknowledge individuals or groups usually when, through their tireless efforts, they bring the community's notice. Of course, if some of the winners are mentioned in our back issues of GCN for 1975, it's all right. If not, let us know!



Governor Michael Dukakis and Lt. Governor Tom O'Neill: they said, "We can do it." Now exactly what did they mean?

## THE FAMOUS "WORLD IS NOT READY, YET" ENGRAVED PLAQUE

to Boston's Channel 5 "Good Morning" show for refusing to allow lesbian singers Jade and Sarsaparilla to sing love songs to each other because "People don't want to see that at 9:00 in the morning." BUT they changed their minds. Here's hoping that in 1976 TV stations will at last begin to have some fair and accurate portrayals of gays.

## THE THIRD ANNUAL "OH, THE WORLD IS REALLY ROUND" MEDALLION

to Ann Landers, her first bouquet preventing a "Three Strikes, You're Out" Award. She told the "confused and upset" parents of a homosexual teen-ager that *they* were the ones who needed therapy, since they were confused and upset.

## THE GCN "SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS ARE STRAIGHT" AWARD

to the L.A. police for allegedly entrapping Deputy Mayor Weiner into "lewd and lascivious conduct." And to the Pennsylvania police for claiming that they entrapped homosexuals in order to "protect them from being beaten up by straights."

## THE GCN "SOME OF OUR WORST ENEMIES ARE GAY" AWARD

to the L.A. Gay Community Services Center for firing 16 employees who organized for "feminist and worker control" policies within the center. For the first time in history gay employees struck against gay employers.

## THE PECHE-FLAMBEAUX ON A PLAQUE TO GO

to Michio Kushi and the *East-West Journal* for recommending that a healthy diet of brown rice would turn gay people straight. Does he mean we're not eating right?

## THE "HOW WE'RE THE BEST DRESSED BOYS IN THE BAND" MEDALLION

to Connecticut's State Liquor Commission for closing down Finnochio's East when the bar featured the drag show "French Dressing."

## THE HONORARY DYKE/FEM, WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE PLAQUE

to Bella with love.

## THE SPORTSMAN'S BLUE RIBBON

to the Ladies' Professional Golfers' Association who claim that they can't offer big money for prizes because "no one wants to watch lesbians play golf."



Leonard Matlovich

## THE "YOU CAN LEAD A LAVENDER RHINO" AWARD

to Andrews Inn for being the only gay watering hole between Burlington and Brattleboro in Vermont. Sure gets thirsty up there.

## AN ABOVE THE CALL CARNATION

to Milton Shapp, Pennsylvania's governor, for issuing an executive order barring discrimination against gays in public employment. Want a flower, Dukakis, Salmon, Noel, Grasso, Longley?



Ex-Pfc Barbara Randolph

## BOUQUETS AND BULLETPROOF VESTS

to all those who placed themselves on the line by coming out in 1975, with lavender ribbons to those military personnel who have lost or will lose their chosen career places.



Governor Milton Shapp, a carnation and a rose.

## AND A BELOW THE BELT RAGWEED

to the Pennsylvania State Legislature for passing a bill barring employment of gay people as policemen, teachers, mental health workers and prison guards.

## AND A "ROSE" TO THE OCCASION

to Gov. Shapp for vetoing their bill.

## THE GCN "WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU?" "DEAD SILENT" BOUQUET

to all those volunteers that bring beer (and themselves) to the GCN offices and give time, talent and gay cheer. To those intrepid troops who battle the Bromfield Street crowds and defy death on the staircase to the second floor, our heartfelt thanks.



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# 9 Really Good Ways to Be Lonely on New Year's Eve

By Byron Marshall

## Things to do to feel really lonely:

1. Write the *Advocate*, telling them how miserable you felt seeing all those pictures of other people being happy eating fancy Thanksgiving dinners. Or sit by yourself burning GCN in a wastebasket instead of sitting in front of a Yule log with all your absent friends.

2. Buy yourself a bottle of champagne, cook yourself a 6-course dinner, and sit alone watching Holiday Inn on the tube, drinking your champagne, smelling your dinner burning in the oven and thinking, "If I were straight, I'd have a date tonight."

3. Count the moon: *one*.

4. Dial TIME on the telephone (637-1234). This way you can hear a human voice (10:01 . . . 10:02 . . . 10:03). Plus you get the weather. The variety is infinite (11:07 . . . 11:08 . . . 11:09). You're tuning in on the cosmic flow. Didn't a famous philosopher say: "Life is like a river, and never the same" (1:14 . . . 1:15 . . . 1:16)?

5. Think of friends you might call, and remind yourself that they wouldn't want to hear from you. Think of places to go, and tell yourself that if you *have* to go places to meet people, it isn't worth it.

6. Live for TODAY. No matter that tomorrow, or next week, or next month, there could be plenty of things to do, especially if you started

planning now. Remind yourself that you've decided that *today* is all that counts, and so you're not even going to do what you might do on an average day. This is the moment of misery: savor it.

7. Read the letters to Santa in the *Boston Globe* where needy people request help for major life tragedies, i.e., medical money for little sister. And compose your own letter. Then burn it, knowing it would not have been read anyway.

8. Apply self-criticism. Start trying to think of any and everything that's not perfect about you. Escalate. You'll succeed. The very fact that you're feeling miserable and self-critical shows how bad off you are, right?

9. Repeat to yourself: I'm not loved. Forget about all the people who do like you, some of them maybe even love you. Forget your good points (see 8). Don't be optimistic (see 6). It's true — you're LOVED, but **BLOT IT OUT**. Today your purpose is to feel *bad*.

Of course, we don't want you to take the advice above. Instead, we hope you can notice how all too easy these rules are. We'd like to give you back that sense of perspective which is the quickest thing to lose when alone, especially over holidays. In fact, most people feel alone, or *are* alone, or full of self-doubts, or feel unloved, very

often. So you're really just like most people; you're not alone at all. So treat today like any other, rather than wasting it feeling lonely — practice a

guitar lick, do some reading, try a new bar, start your isometric exercises or a novel, or just go to sleep. *Happy New Year.*



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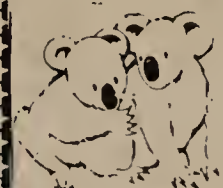
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# The Other Side of the Film World

By Lance Lurid

Reviewing dirty movies is like reviewing soap operas: it is all formula on the screen, and the good or bad is only a matter of style. Good porno, like good soap, is a matter of fantasy: how it builds, seduces, and makes the image better than the reality. It is less the image than the imagination; less the plot than the playing around; less the setting than the seduction; less the acting than the action. Good smut, like good bad poetry, is rare and refreshing, funny, and in its way, fulfilling.

Although beauty helps, it is not exclusively a matter of pretty bodies, and the equipment does not have to come from International Harvester. Porno should make one feel wanted and wanting, hungry, horny, and humorous. Dirty flicks must tease enough to make the sex seem passionate and real, for sex on the screen is boring.

The problem of boredom is, for the porno director, a problem of seriousness. In real life sex is funny — it is silly to do all that we do for a brief moment of elation. The body is banal. When transferred to the screen, that humor rarely carries through, and pistons make for better jokes. Quality porno — Peter Berlin (Burin). Peter de Rome or Jack Deveau — is a function of pace and panache, camera angles, lighting, style, as well as pretty people. Bad porno must rely on kinkiness, or who is in the audience.

Serious film critics dismiss dirty movies because the medium is too clinical, the directly non-existent, and the acting a matter of endowment rather than talent. These faults may be merely cultural and our perception of film may be too much directed by Hollywood, television, or Bergman, but size alone does not a good film make. One could argue that, in a liberated society, different criteria ought to be used in judging dirty movies, but we are not yet there.

Pauline Kael's celebration of *Last Tango* — where sex was intrinsic to plot and character — is too rigid a rule to apply to the average fuck 'n suck. The rule we use is actually the reverse of Pauline's: are the plot and character intrinsic to the sex? This is also the rule which distinguishes "redeeming social values" from the purient. This writer

will only review dirty movies, whose redemption must wait another, and more final, judge. And, forgive me, mainly male flicks because that's about all there is right now. Also, I will review the flicks when they are in Boston: but don't worry, they'll be around your home town.

## SEX DEMON

The flaming faggot fantasy of a McCambridge voice croaking "fuck me" in demonic depravity somehow is not enough to sustain a movie. What worked in *The Exorcist* does not work here. Too bourgeois without a Burstyn, too chunky without a pretty demon, too much of a put on with flaccid sex, watery blood, and myopic lenses. While mildly sexy, the rapes, rampage, and raunchiness fail to fulfill either sadistic or thespian ideal. Somehow all this suggests that the film is interesting, but it isn't.

## BALLET DOWN THE HIGHWAY

Truckers and dancers may in fact link in real life, but, on the screen, neither seems to have much in common, with each other or with anyone we know. The truck driver is no nymphet, nor even a mass of muscle. The dancer is ageing gracefully, but, unfortunately, that's the only thing that is graceful. Together they stimulate more despair than depravity. There is a sweet young thing, however, who somehow has too small a part to adequately use his resources. Well produced, but not quite well enough.

## CATCHING UP

The conceit of numbers — of making masses of males in a moment of madness — is worthy of many late nights. The problem, which is acute in this movie, is that the star is too ugly to hold up his part of the fantasy. When will porno producers realize that we, without crinkling newspapers and raincoats, do not like to be reminded of our rounded shapes and impending age of wisdom. He who "catches up" seems to be starting a little too late and, though we may enjoy his taste, we can hardly envy his victims.

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# Coming Out:

By Thomas L.

It was a cold February night when my crisis came to a peak; I decided that I had to make the best of a bad thing (or so I thought at that time). I admitted to myself I was a homosexual, that I always had been one and would now seek other men to satisfy my urgent emotional and physical needs. That was February 28, 1972. I was alone in my single room at my dorm. And it was so painful. Coming out is like having a baby; a difficult period of hard labor precedes the emergence of something new and beautiful. I had gone through the labor so badly I didn't care what happened next. I thought I was dying. I didn't know I was becoming human. Now that I had come out, I could go to sleep. I put out the light and went to bed.

It was so cold and rainy that winter, unlike any we've had since. I lived alone, kept apart from the noisy underclassmen in my dorm. (I was a junior in a mostly freshman dorm.) Since I went back to school that semester something had begun happening. I'd always been involved with school. I was a model student, a true intellectual and scholar, and I had the grades to prove it. I also had five scholarships to prove it. I never went out. I only had a few friends. But that was so unimportant. The previous school year had been blissful, because I was in love with my major, English Literature. I wanted to redo my idealism another time.

But somehow my head wouldn't work quite right. Even now, I'm not sure whether that semester I tried too hard or was too unhappy with myself to concentrate, or simply took the wrong courses. I was doing badly in my courses, and I got so depressed that by midsemester I had stopped attending classes and was wandering around Boston that cold February. I felt that I was all alone in the world.

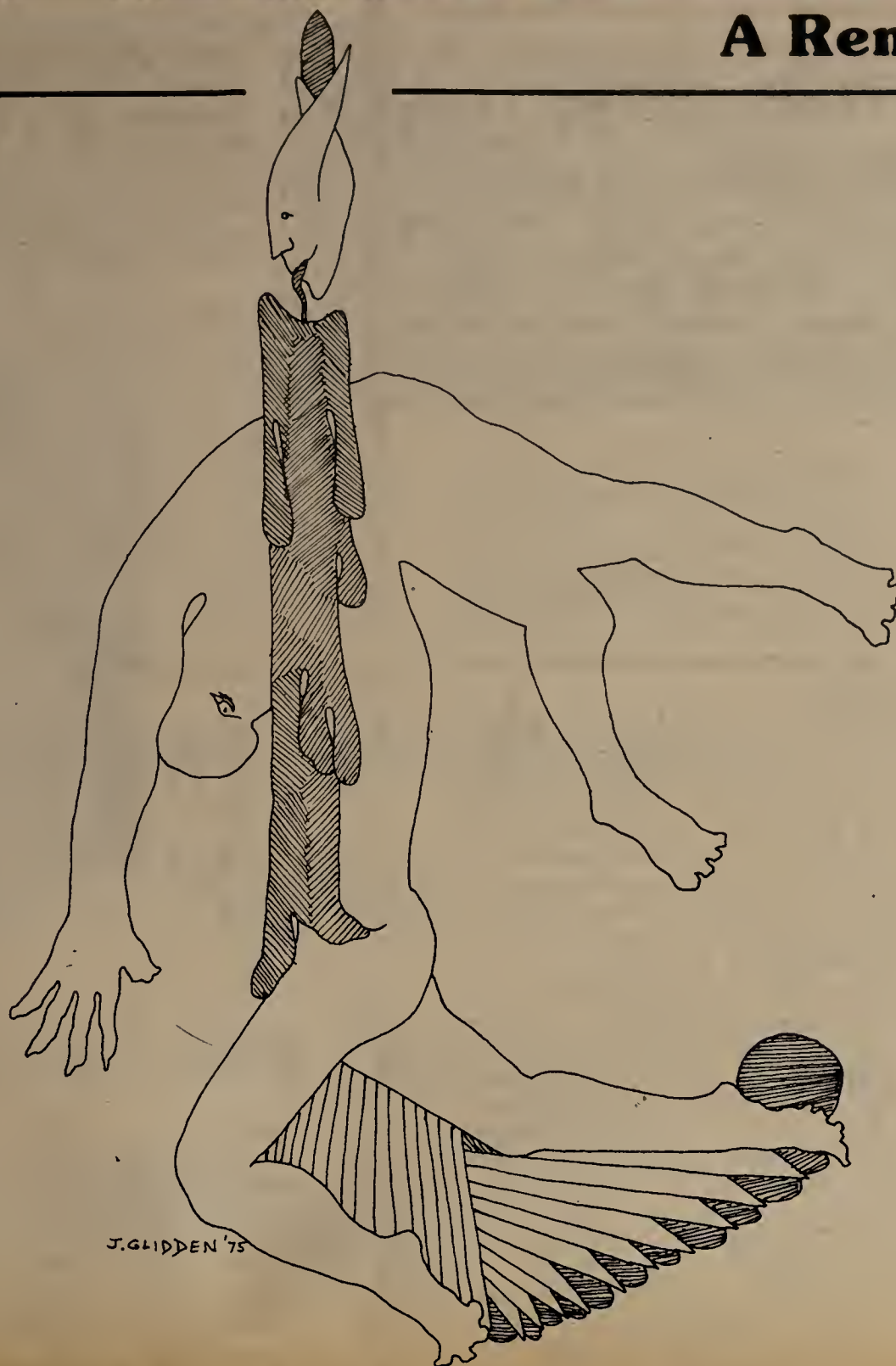
By happy coincidence the writers I happened to be reading at that time were all concerned with types of coming out. For coming out is really a transformation, a metamorphosis from something shallow and cold to something beautiful and warm. It is a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. For the first time that winter I read Whitman's "Song of Myself," Alfred Tennyson's "In Memoriam," and some of the best known poems of Emily Dickinson. Whitman wrote about a superself. His long poem takes us on a journey in which the speaker changes from a shallow being into a powerful, god-like one. It is a poem about self-confidence, which I realized I lacked. Tennyson, saddened for 17 years by the death of his "friend" Arthur Hallam, was finding ways to deal with a deep seated grief and depression very much like my own. Dickinson eventually became my favorite poet. She dealt with her most minute feelings so well, in contrast to me, for I never thought about what I felt, until then. It was interesting to discover that each of the three had homoerotic strains in his/her grain. But more important were the transformations they had achieved that I was struggling to begin.



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I put an ad in the *Phoenix* in March. As I was only 20, that was the only way I knew of contacting other gays. It was hard going in and negotiating for a sex ad. They didn't see, either, that it was an emergency. I had been a stoic so long, I had to have some sex soon. They didn't run the ad the first week, and I nearly went crazy. The next week they ran my ad which said:

*GWM 21 seeks same for close friendship. I am shy, inhibited about being gay, want understanding man to teach me how to be myself. Intr incl lit and art. No freaks or drugs.*

The response was excellent. About 30 letters came, and they were a varied bunch. But basically three types of responses came: a) those who were in the same situation I was, who saw that my dilemma also stated their own; b)

those who had come out already and were shopping for a lover; and, c) those who answer every ad. There are plenty of people who do. Those letters were easy to spot because they had nothing whatever to do with what I wrote. Only one letter seemed to be different. I answered it.

I met a man I'll call Al, because that was his gay pseudonym. I was 20, he was 40 (but you can bet he didn't look it). I was a student, he was a professor. I was lonely, he was looking for someone. I thought he was my salvation.

He was — and still is — beautiful physically. He was tall — about 5'11", with dark blond hair and the most intriguing deep-set Virgo eyes I've ever seen. No wonder I fell for him. We arranged to meet at MacDonalds — and went back to his apartment. I didn't stay overnight, though. He

drove me home about 3 a.m.

We had a steady date to see each other every other Saturday night. Each time was the same: he'd pick me up around 9, we'd go to his apartment, have sex, talk; and then he'd take me home. To him, I later realized, it was just a convenience and an ego trip, having someone young to sleep with. But to me, he was a god, a companion (I had no other) and a lover. I didn't understand why I had to go home each time in the middle of the night. I wanted to move in and be with him forever.

In the meantime school had ended. My GPI was terrible (2.70). Summer came, and I was working for the summer. At last I became 21, and I could now venture into bars. Al wouldn't take me to any because he didn't want to be caught in a gay hangout by any of his students. It took time, but I finally got up my courage and started going alone.

The bi-weekly liasons continued into the autumn. I was a senior, and life was a lot happier than it had been the previous semester. I was deeply in love, and I knew it.

It may sound surprising, but age was not a hindrance to our relationship. Al's brilliance and manliness provided a father-figure for a weak, self-doubting boy. Since we were both into literature, he taught me a lot in that field. He helped me sort my head, too. He was the first gay person I'd ever really known. He didn't love me, and he didn't teach me much about gay life — nor do I think now that he was a very good role model for me. He was very private about his identity, but for me this was probably a good thing. The transition to gay bars, people and society was made gradual and easier by associating with one gay person first.

Then came a night I'll never forget. It was in October. I went to his apartment, and I put my foot down; I was staying overnight. He finally said OK. At one point during the evening we went to the kitchen to have coffee, which we had never done before. I saw a side of him I hadn't seen — his loneliness. For years he had been a total closet case. He'd loved a couple of men but would never get involved with them for fear of everyone finding out. He had stifled his love into a terrible frustration. He sat at his kitchen table, told me this while he played solitaire. I can remember thinking how odd it is to play solitaire with two people present. Similarly what a waste it is to live a loveless life. Sitting there I compared myself to him. We were both gay, both literary. I was aiming to be the teacher

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# Because We Need Funny Books

**Dan Curzon author of *Something You Do In the Dark* has a new book out called *The Misadventures of Tom McPick*. He wrote the following interview with himself because "it reflects precisely what the author interviewed feels." And it's more fun, too. The book is out by the John Parke Custis Press and costs \$3.50.**

**INTERVIEWER:** What's your new novel, *The Misadventures of Tim McPick*, about?  
**CURZON:** It's about some misadventures of a boy named Tim McPick.  
**INT:** Who's he?  
**CURZON:** A seventeen-year-old vegetarian Gay.  
**INT:** Do you think your reader can identify with such a character?  
**CURZON:** Well, I really don't believe a reader has to "identify" with any character — only follow his progress through the book. Nobody has to "identify" with a picture in an art gallery in order to enjoy the picture, wouldn't you say?  
**INT:** I thought all writers tried to create characters whom the readers recognized as similar to themselves.  
**CURZON:** Well, I think that's true only in the sense that characters get into scrapes, like my hero, or feel pain or comb their hair. But if readers read only about people just like themselves how will they expand their awareness of what the full range of humanity is like?  
**INT:** What are some of these misadventures, or scrapes, that your hero gets into?  
**CURZON:** Well, one of them involves a live porno show, where he runs into his twin sister, who's a star with her own pig act.  
**INT:** Pig act?  
**CURZON:** Yes, pigs. I got the idea from some pornography I saw in a store in Denmark.  
**INT:** You mean sex with pigs?  
**CURZON:** Why not? It might be ideal for people who never had the opportunity to live on a farm.  
**INT:** Don't you think pig sex will turn off most readers?  
**CURZON:** Not in *my* novel! It's all

treated humorously.  
**INT:** But how can you make pig sex humorous?  
**CURZON:** It wasn't easy, let me tell you! But maybe the real answer ought to be: How can anyone take pig sex seriously?  
**INT:** Is this a major portion of the novel?  
**CURZON:** Just a few pages — and all done tongue-in-cheek, and certainly not in any graphic sort of way . . . though now that I think about it, maybe a graphic description of pig sex would've been the comic highlight of my novel! Or is that a sexist remark?  
**INT:** The remark of a male chauvinist . . . human being, no doubt? What else happens in your book?  
**CURZON:** Well, there's a dog in it — a dog named Zipper.  
**INT:** Is this dog involved in sex too?  
**CURZON:** No, it's a very Walt Disney kind of dog. No sex. A *family* dog, you might say. But now that I think about that too, I probably should've done a scene with the dog and the pig together.  
**INT:** What does your dog do in this book?  
**CURZON:** He travels around with Tim McPick, the hero, his master — ah, though when I say "master" I don't want you to think this dog's into S and M or anything.  
**INT:** Do you think children would enjoy your dog in the story?  
**CURZON:** God, I hope not! Who wants to be admired by six-year-olds!  
**INT:** Who do you think *will* enjoy the book then?  
**CURZON:** Oh, maybe people who like their comedy with bite in it.  
**INT:** Dog bite?  
**CURZON:** No, human bite. I like to think the novel's disrespectful and

raucous — and funny.  
**INT:** Are there any other animals in the novel?  
**CURZON:** I can't think of any others. There's a transvestite in it, though. A very warm, loving, nice transvestite — not animalistic at all. Oh, and there're some Black Bobcats in it as well.  
**INT:** What are the Black Bobcats?  
**CURZON:** They're a gang of black racists who kidnap the transvestite.  
**INT:** Is your story very realistic?  
**CURZON:** Of course! I saw a gang of black racists kidnap a screaming transvestite just the other day. It happens all the time in this country.  
**INT:** Do you think transvestites will like your book? Will they identify with your character?  
**CURZON:** I'm afraid I couldn't say. It's not a put-down of transvestites, if that's what you mean.  
**INT:** Do you think your other readers will be put off by your transvestite

perhaps?  
**CURZON:** Oh, I don't think so. She's not a pushy transvestite or anything. Anybody's be happy to have *my* transvestite over for dinner, I'm sure. She's sort of a Walt Disney-like transvestite.  
**INT:** Where do you get your ideas for your books?  
**CURZON:** Oh, everywhere I look.  
**INT:** *The Misadventures of Tim McPick* sounds *nothing* like your first novel, *Something You Do in the Dark*. Is that true?  
**CURZON:** Yes, the first is a tragedy. *Tim McPick* is a comedy. I thought it time for a gay comedy — but a comedy with some guts to it!  
**INT:** Do you think it might be too strong for some people?  
**CURZON:** Sure it might, but then they shouldn't be reading such things in the Old Folks Home anyway. Bad for their hearts.



Drawing of Dan Curzon by Don Bachardy

## Womanpoetry

*Raw Honey* by Marie Harris and *Falling Off the Roof* by Karen Lindsey. Both 1975, Alicejamesbooks, Cambridge, Mass.

A Review by Beverly Barr

Marie Harris and *Raw Honey* have a great deal to offer, but it is all a little too raw and needs refinement. Her poetry is divided into four sections: Herbal, Wives, Raw Honey and Interstate. Unfortunately, some of the sections seem to rule her. "Herbal" is a section of poems with titles all relating to herbs, but even to a plant freak it is apparent that the plants shouldn't have won out. Ms. Harris keeps more to the idea of staying in the section called "Herbal" than to writing poetry. Trying to keep within a "plant" framework is highly detrimental, affecting her coherence and tending to ruin what she has to get across to the reader. Sad to say, this also affects the section called Wives, though not quite as badly. Happily, she does not continue the pattern in the last two sections. The "Raw Honey" section has power that connects, but does so in staccato bursts. Some of her lines in the poems are so excellent they leap out of the

context of the works, and she has difficulty with just that talent. Her metaphors are sharp by themselves, but sometimes they just do not hold the poem together. However, the overall effect of the section (how I wish she hadn't used that framework!) is good, and her poems here are high quality. Her images can really flow beautifully, and it seems that the "crisper" she keeps it, the better it holds together. The most impressive is "Interstate." This is one long poem. In it, Harris has found herself and her style shows this. She has disciplined her bursts of phrase within the style of the poem. This is a poem worth reading again. All in all, *Raw Honey* is definitely worth spending time with, once past plants and wives. I expect we shall see more and better of Marie Harris.

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I've got to give four stars to Karen Lindsey and *Falling Off the Roof*. This is poetry for women by Woman. When she says it well, and most of her work does, I can't get away from her. Her clarity of phrase is a pleasure and the honesty of her womanpolitic is there but not intrusive. *Falling Off the Roof* deals with subjects so close to women that reading her pain is like reading my own. She handles firmly some things that women

find painful deep down; things we all know — but we rarely say. Lindsey, thank heaven, can put politics in her writing but it comes out poetry. Need I say more? I'm still trying to choose

which poem I like best, but try "The House on Baltic Avenue" for a sample. And there is a fine cover illustration by Emily Culpepper; all in all, an excellent piece of work.

## COMING OUT

(Continued from page 15)

he was. We were both somewhat uptight about being gay. I saw in him what in 20 years I would be, and it scared me. He let me stay the night, although I had to sleep on the couch. I woke up very early next morning and told myself I was never coming back. I wasn't going to become him. I loved him — and wanted to spend my life with him — but I saw what would happen if I did. Silently I put on my clothes and left. Since my coming out I have been able to read my feelings, gauge my needs and act accordingly. Some people never are in touch with themselves, yet I was then (and still am) in communication with my soul. I realized that he could not fulfill my needs for a lover. He would never be able to. My capacity to love is very great. He had stifled his capacity to love so much that I don't think there was any left.

He had emotional needs, but he wasn't sure what they were. His head ruled. He didn't know where his heart was. After that, I did something he told me not to do. I told my family I was gay. They accepted this revelation not as something bad or good but as a fact of life that has to be lived with. Ma told me she wanted me to be happy, and as long as I knew inside myself I was doing the right thing, I would have their support. However, I know that she feels that if I met a nice girl, I would get married. I told my straight friends about myself, which was fine with everybody, but in the meantime I had made gay friends with whom I was spending more of my time. Eventually I even told my fellow-employees. I never saw Al again. I'm never going to be what he is. He put up a wall between himself and what he needs most: the love of a man. There's no wall around me. I'm gay and glad about it.



# The View from the Closet

ROOM AT THE TOP

By A. Nolder Gay

Gays with a taste for history, glitter or scandal will be interested in Lady Antonia (Longford) Fraser's new biography of King James I of England. Ms. Fraser, it may be recalled, has been named by Vivien Merchant, actress and wife of the playwright Harold Pinter, as co-respondent in what promises to be Britain's most sensational divorce case since the salad days of the Duchess of Windsor.

The multi-talented Lady Antonia contends that James has been bad-mouthed as a ruler because of the moral judgments an unreflective posterity has made about his private life. In her preface, she warns the little old ladies from Dubuque that the King's

"personal predilections followed a course outside the accepted norm." That is classic British understatement; in fact, James was actively homosexual both during his adolescent and his later life.

James, like Frederick the Great, had a hell of a childhood. Starved for affection, at the age of thirteen the Scots King fell for a handsome older French cousin, a young debauchee whom James showered with titles and gifts and who in turn used the young ruler's love to advance his own political power. (Ms. Fraser suggests that "had an equally attractive woman come his way at the same propitious moment, the homosexual inclinations of King

James might never have been aroused," which I find rather naive.)

Three years later James was compelled by ultra-Protestant Scots nobles to banish his lover to France. Taking his grief out in poetry, the boy-king wrote pathetically

*And shall I then like bird or beast forget  
For any storms that threatening heaven can send  
The object sweet, where'on my heart is set  
Whom for to serve my senses all I bend? . . .*

James was conscious of his duties as a royal stud in a time of succession problems, and in 1589 married a Danish princess with whom he maintained a relationship at least through the conception of the Princess Sophia in 1606. (They lived in separate

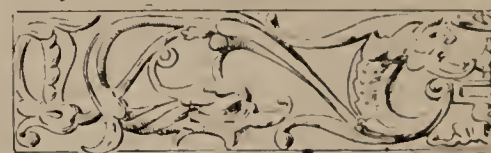
households, however, for ten years before Queen Anne's death in 1619.) The Fraser biography does not discuss James' male attachments between 1582 and 1607, but in the latter year (the year Jamestown was founded) the forty-year-old King lost his head to the first of the "fatal favorites," a charming, rather unintelligent Scots teenager names Robert Carr. (Forty is a dangerous age!)

James taught Carr Latin, among other things; made him his private secretary, and elevated him to the House of Lords. Carr (by then Earl of Somerset) eventually went straight and was replaced by the arrogant, corrupt and magnetic George Villiers, whom the King in due course named Duke of Buckingham in public, and his "sweet child and wife" in private. (Yes, that's the same Duke of Buckingham who appears as the French Queen's lover in *The Three Musketeers*; shed a tear for her, for the French King was in love with a boy, too.) Lady Antonia rightly criticizes James, not for having lovers, but for allowing them to accumulate and use political power in a manner contrary to the King's interests.

In 1616 Somerset's newly acquired wife poisoned his best friend (those were parlous times!) and in the backlash from that scandal the King's openly gay life-style was severely criticized. His public kisses for his favorites were excoriated as "licentious," and one oft-cited knight (who had been banished from court, to the detriment of his objectivity as a witness) wrote nastily of the King's "slobbering" over his young men and accused him of walking around with "his fingers ever . . . fiddling about his cod-piece." Angered by criticism from those he regarded as his inferiors, James (a firm believer in Divine Right) defiantly told his Council in 1617 that his attachment to young men followed the example of Jesus Christ: "Christ had his John and I have my George." In an era when Puritanism and placing limits on the King's prerogative were in the ascendant, the analogy didn't play very well.

Lady Antonia's brief book is well-written, generously illustrated (including charming depictions of the unfortunate King's rapacious lovers), and grounded in recent scholarship. And in this Bicentennial Era, how sweet it is to learn that America's first Chief of State had no qualms either about kissing his lover in public or telling the world to go to Hell when it raised its collective eyebrow.

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Adolescent male rap session, 4-6 pm 227-8587  
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish group) 265-6409  
Black Gay Men's Caucus, GCN, Box 9600  
Boston Gay Men's Rap Group 426-9371  
Boston Lavender Theatre: Women's group 492-5220  
Men's group 440-5220  
Cambridge North/Brattle Gays (write c/o Gay Legislation) 661-9362  
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368  
Cambridgeport Gays, c/o GCN Box 6500  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469  
Closet Space (WCAS), 740m AM 492-6450  
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592  
Dignity of Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston  
Elaine Noble (Rep.) 727-2584  
Fag Rag 536-9826  
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Fengay, c/o Tom Nylund 267-1066  
Focus, Women's Counseling, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 876-4488  
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom 440-8551 or 442-6029  
Framingham Unicorn Society, P.O. Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701  
Gay Hotline (3-12 pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371  
Gay Men's Center 723-6268 or 491-6968  
Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC), c/o GCN, Box 8000  
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 266-2069  
Gay Alert (for gay community emergency only) 523-0368, 267-0764  
Gay Media Action, c/o GCN Box 5000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108 523-1081  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Nurses Alliance, c/o GCN Box 251, Boston 02108  
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2396  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 7.7 & FM) 353-2790  
Gay Legislation '75, P.O. Box 8841, JFK Sta., Boston 02144 491-2787, 661-9362  
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St. 227-8587  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
Golden Gays 482-8998  
Good Gay Poets 536-9826  
Harvard-Radcliffe Gays 495-1927  
Homophile Community Health Svc. 542-5188  
Integrity/Boston, P.O. Box 2582, 02208  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807

Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450  
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664  
MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440  
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Av. 661-8999  
National Organization for Women 267-6160  
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Eli Ctr. 253-5440  
Other Fund, Inc. (Gay United Fund), P.O. Box 1997, Boston 02105 426-0412  
Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston  
Project Place 267-9150  
Fr. Paul Shanley 843-5731  
Project Lambda 227-8587  
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Frances Craig, P.O. Box 291, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139  
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Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford, MA 02155 776-0921  
Waltham-Watertown Gays, c/o GCN Box 7100  
Women's Comm. Health Ctr., Camb. 547-2302

MCC/Worcester 756-0730  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387  
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070

### WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 413]

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154  
Clark Gay Alliance, Box A-70, Clark Univ., Worcester 01610  
Dignity/Springfield, P.O. Box 488 Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01107  
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-0883  
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876  
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438  
Hotline, Westfield, Mass. (M&Tues. 9 pm-11 pm) 568-9759  
MCC/Springfield, 64 South Boulevard St., West Springfield 737-7473  
People's Gay Alliance, UMass/Amherst 545-0154  
Sexual Identity Awareness Org., Westfield State College, Parenzo Box 197, Westfield 01085  
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626  
Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904  
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

### RHODE ISLAND [area code 401]

Alcoholics Together, 290 Westminster St., Rm. 510, Providence 274-4737  
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861  
Gay Women at Brown U, Providence 863-2189  
Gay Women of Providence 831-5184  
Homophile Community Health Service, Providence 274-4737  
MCC Coffee House, Providence 274-1693  
MCC/Providence, 63 Chapin Ave. 274-1693

### VERMONT [area code 802]

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vermont Women's Health Center, 158 Bank St., Burlington 05401 863-1386  
Gay in Vermont, Box 3216, N. Burlington Sta., Burlington 05401 862-2397  
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237  
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

### CONNECTICUT [area code 203]

East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530  
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646  
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale St., New Haven 06520 436-8945  
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 523-9837  
MCC/Hartford 522-5575, 523-9837

Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281  
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656  
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-5612  
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, c/o Wesleyan Women's Center, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457

### NEW HAMPSHIRE [area code 603]

Seacoast Area Gay Alliance, Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801  
Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261  
(Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group)

### MAINE [area code 207]

Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011  
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Maine Freewomen's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011  
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667  
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter, Box 4542, Portland 04144

### NEW YORK

Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, P.O. Box 131, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210 (518) 462-6138  
Gay Community Service Ctr., 1350 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14209  
Dignity, P.O. Box 1554, N.Y., N.Y. 10022  
Gay Activists Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Sta. 10014 966-7870  
Gay Media Coalition, Box 128 Ansonia Sta. 10023  
Gay Men's Health Project, 247 W. 11th St. 691-6969  
Gay Switchboard 924-4036  
Gay & Women's Alliance for Responsible Media, 370 Lexington Ave., Suite 416, N.Y.C., N.Y.  
Lambda Legal Defense and Educ. Fund Inc. 145 E. 52nd St., NY NY 10022 758-1905  
Lesbian Feminists Liberation, c/o Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. 691-5460  
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610  
Mattachine Society, 59 Christopher St., NY, NY 10014 691-1066  
MCC/New York 691-7428, 369-8513  
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave. Rm. 506 741-1010  
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097

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### EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 617]

Alcoholics Together/Worcester 756-0730  
Dignity/Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 348, Lowell, 01853  
Gay Activists Alliance, c/o Postmaster, General Delivery, Provincetown 487-3393, 487-3234, 487-3344  
Haverhill, N.E.C.C. Gay Line, M 8-10 am, T 6-8 pm, W 12-2 pm 327-0929  
Homophile Union of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg 01420



# December 28 thru January 20

## NOTICE

Deadline for next issue is Tuesday, Dec. 30, 5 pm. Send in listings early!

## 30 tues

Boston, GCN hosts an open meeting the last Tuesday of each month to meet with the community. Come and meet your favorite newspaper. 7:30 pm at 22 Bromfield St.

## 31 wed

Boston, Fenway Community Health Night will be CLOSED tonight.

Hartford, CT, New Year's Eve Party at AHAB's dance bar, \$5 admission, 440 Asylum Ave.

Boston, New Year's Eve Party at 1270, buffet, champagne, dancing, \$5, 1270 Boylston St.

Boston, New Year's Eve Party at OZ, \$5, 969 Comm. Ave.

Provincetown, New Year's Eve Party at Sister's, 293 Commercial (below Townhouse), 9-2, admisson \$3.50, sponsored by Everywoman's Center and Gay Community Services.

Boston, Jade and Sarsaparilla will perform at the Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., at 11 pm; admisson is \$5 and includes champagne.



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## 13 tues

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Area Gay Alliance (SAGA) will have a pitch-in dinner at 7:30 pm at 74 Congress St. All interested gays are warmly invited to participate. BYOW (wine) is desired.

Framingham, Human Relations Commission will sponsor a seminar on "The Rights of Gay People: Privacy and Equal Opportunity." Speakers will include Elaine Noble and Arlie Scott, 7:30 pm at Civic League, 214 Concord St.



## 4 sun

## 20 tues

Boston, DOB Women's social evening, discussion "Is Fat Good?" Beth Gammo (who says 'yes') will be there. Women of all sizes invited, refreshments follow, 7:30 pm, DOB office, 419 Boylston St.

Boston, St. Clements Church Mass, 1:30, followed by Dignity meeting, 1101 Boylston St.

## 11 sun

Boston, Gay Academic Union NE, meeting, 2-4 pm, first floor parlor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard U.

Boston, Benefit for Other Voices Bookstore at the Saints. Performing will be Petrisse Briel and more. Donation requested, brunch served, time to be announced, all women invited.



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